

## **Board of Selectmen Meeting**

**February 2, 2017 at 7:30pm**

### **Town Hall Meeting Room**

**Present:** First Selectman Nina Daniel, Selectman Chris Spaulding, Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz, Administrative Assistant Randi Derene, Town Attorney Patricia Sullivan, Weston Residents

Selectman Dennis Tracey was not present.

**This meeting was videotaped and recorded. The tapes are available in the Selectmen's office. The meetings are available for viewing online via the Town's website.**

**Ms. Daniel called the meeting to order at: 7:30pm**

- 1- **Pledge of Allegiance** – led by Town Attorney, Patricia Sullivan
- 2- **Discussion/decision regarding hiring Alex Davis for Department of Public Works with a start date of February 6, 2017.** Mr. Davis has worked for the state highway department, but has always hoped to work for a small town so he could make a difference. Mr. Spaulding moved to hire Alex Davis for Department of Public Works with a start date of February 6, 2017. Ms. Daniel seconded. Motion carried.
- 3- **Discussion/decision regarding reappointing Ray Rauth to the Bike & Pedestrian Committee for a term to end December 31, 2018.** Mr. Spaulding moved to reappoint Ray Rauth to the Bike & Pedestrian Committee for a term to end December 31, 2018. Ms. Daniel seconded. Motion carried.
- 4- **Discussion/decision regarding the reformation of the Sustainability Committee and candidate interviews.** Russ Goodwyn along with three high school students; Holly DeBarger, Cassie Kelly and Mia St. Angelo were interviewed about their interests in joining the Sustainability Committee. A motion was made to formally reform the committee. Mr. Spaulding read the new Mission Statement (see attached). Mr. Spaulding made a motion to reform the Sustainability Committee with 7 voting members as a select committee to advise the Board of Selectmen with the Mission Statement attached. Ms. Daniel seconded. Motion carried.
- 5- **Discussion/decision regarding the approval of agreement between the Town of Weston and CDM Smith for Stormwater permit work.** The state is requiring all towns to follow an unfunded Stormwater mandate with much more stringent requirements

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from our town. Consultant CDM Smith made a presentation to the BOS regarding how they will help us put this plan into motion. This Stormwater Management work will have an impact on our budget, costing \$150,000 each year. Mr. Spaulding made a motion to approve the agreement between the Town of Weston and CDM Smith for stormwater permit work subject to review by Town Attorney office to be signed by the First Selectman or designee. Ms. Daniel seconded. Motion carried.

**6- Minutes Approval: January 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> , 2017**

Mr. Spaulding moved to approve the BOS Minutes from January 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> , 2017. Ms. Daniel seconded. Motion carried.

**7- First Selectman Updates:**

- a. WestCOG Updates – at the last WestCOG meeting there were discussions of regionalizing health districts across the state, which means possibly losing Westport Weston Health District. This idea was quickly shot down as it would cost the town a lot more money to receive fewer services. Mr. Spaulding also mentioned a CCM report that came out – mentioning extra taxes to cover expenses for tourism. The state has knowledge of how much we have in our reserve fund – we have saved money to be fiscally responsible to pay for the Police Station renovation without borrowing.
- b. Rt 57 Construction – There were recently lane shifts created creating very dangerous conditions. Ms. Daniel has been trying to communicate with the CT DoT to work towards a safer situation.
- c. Library Director: Our library director, Karen Tatarka, will be leaving Weston for a new director position in Newtown. Ms. Daniel stated we are very grateful to her for all she has done for Weston and wished her the best of luck in her new position.
- d. Federal and State Audit Report Update: Mr. Luiz stated we have received financial reports and they will be posted on our website tomorrow. The audit company will be presenting the reports at the next BOF meeting.
- e. Signage: The state is going to be busy changing and adding signs around town.

**8- Executive Session: Litigation Update** At 8:20pm, Mr. Spaulding moved to enter into Executive Session for a litigation update. Ms. Daniel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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**Attendance:** The meeting was convened at 8:25pm in the Town Hall Meeting room with members Nina Daniel and Chris Spaulding present. Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz and Town Attorney Patricia Sullivan were also present.

**Discussion:** The Board received an update on the status of the following cases:

Weston vs. Sterling Trail, Stones Trail vs. Weston, Steephill vs. Weston, Niederhoffer vs. Weston, Wilmington Trust vs. Daly and Town of Weston and Local 1303-41 (Case #MPP-32391)

No votes were taken.

**Adjourn Executive Session:** 9:05pm

**Minutes Approved:** February 23, 2017